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**U.S. COMMERCE DEPUTY SECRETARY DAVID SAMPSON TO DISCUSS  
COMPETITIVENESS AT MANUFACTURING COUNCIL MEETING**

**Gaithersburg, Md.** - U.S. Commerce Deputy Secretary David Sampson will discuss U.S. manufacturing competitiveness at the Manufacturing Council meeting on June 16. In addition, the council's Subcommittee on U.S. Competitiveness and Subcommittee on Advocacy and International Trade will release recommendations during the meeting.

The Manufacturing Council is comprised of private-sector executives from throughout the United States. These industry leaders work with the U.S. Commerce Department to advocate, coordinate and implement policies that will enrich U.S. manufacturing competitiveness. The council membership reflects a diverse range of manufacturers from across the country.

**WHAT: Manufacturing Council Meeting and Media Availability**

**WHEN: Friday, June 16, 2006**  
**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Manufacturing Council Meeting**  
**12:01 p.m. – Media Availability**

**WHERE: National Institute of Standards and Technology**  
**Administration Building**  
**100 Bureau Drive**  
**Gaithersburg, MD 20899**  
**301-975-6478**

**WHO: David Sampson, U.S. Commerce Department Deputy Secretary**  
**Al Frink, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for**  
**Manufacturing and Services**

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